

The current proposal to increase the monopoly powers of the big six by allowing for further media consolidation is probably a dumber move than the 1996 Telecommunications Act which allowed the huge mergers to happen in the first place. The idea of a free flow and exchange of ideas is a fundamental part of our Republic, and is a basic tenet in any form of Democracy. To allow public opinion to be molded by the economic interests of a few would be an absolute travesty.